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# The Southwestern

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## Homecoming scenes

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The annual Homecoming parade featured many floats, politicians, and participants. The Sayre band won the high school band contest.



Stetson Schmidt and Abigail Ntrel were crowned Homecoming King and Queen Saturday during halftime of the football game. The two were chosen by a vote of the students.



Ovie Esalomi runs against Panhandle State during the football game Saturday night. The Bulldogs easily won, 42-7. (All photos by Bigyan Koirala)



Kaeli Jo Carothers will reign as Miss Southwestern until October 2009. (Photo by Lauren Kehl)

## Pageant winner dedicates time to promoting health

*Carothers also will raise money for children's charity*

By Alexandria McAtee  
Staff Reporter

On Saturday night, a small town girl's dream came true. Kaeli Jo Carothers, 20, was crowned Miss SWOSU 2009.

Carothers' platform, "A Walk a Day Keeps the Doctor Away," promotes good health and helps reduce the risk of illness.

"I really want to stress that we don't have to be beach blonde Barbie or hot rod Ken to be physically fit. Daily physical activity improves all five states of wellness and most importantly makes us feel rejuvenated in the fast pace world we live in," said Carothers.

Carothers plans to promote social and community physical activity. She also plans to involve *The*

*Southwestern* to give advice, facts, and encourage students with upcoming activities and physical events to strengthen our mind and body.

As Miss SWOSU, Carothers' first goal is to raise awareness for the Miss SWOSU Pageant.

"The Miss SWOSU board of directors works very hard to obtain scholarship opportunities for all of its contestants; meanwhile, the community is more than willing to support the Miss SWOSU Scholarship Pageant.

"I only wish we had more contestants to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and experience," said Carothers.

Being Miss SWOSU is no easy task. Carothers will be representing Southwestern by speaking at events,

promoting her platform, being a role model for college women, and competing at Miss Oklahoma. She will hold the title of Miss SWOSU until October 2009.

Carothers' second goal is to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network.

Throughout this next year, Carothers has some big things ahead of her as Miss SWOSU.

Carothers concludes that, "It is such an honor to be able to serve a community like Weatherford and my University. The scholarship money is a huge incentive, but really just icing on the cake for me.

"I know I can be a good representative for communities everywhere, and I am determined to make a difference."

## Music department to present opera

By Bethany Schmidt  
Staff Reporter

Drama, melody and voice bring stories to life when the Music Department presents an opera on Nov. 14 and 15 in the Berrong Music Hall at 7 p.m. in Room 101.

"I'm excited to do my first opera," said Cierra Jennings, a senior communication arts major

from Weatherford.

She plans to study music in graduate school.

"I love the tradition and the technical aspect of opera," she said.

"Singing like that is really fun too. I love feeling the vibrations in my head and body when I'm singing an aria."

The evening will feature music and scenes from

three operas. It begins with *A Game of Chance* by Seymour Barab. This is a comical opera about three knitters who do business with the devil.

The second is a comical piece entitled "Cosa Sento" from *Le nozze di Figaro* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The last performance is "Sous le dôme épais" from *Lakmé* by Léo Delibes. This

dramatic piece is about a princess and her nurse.

The cast includes Cierra Jennings, Amanda Hughes, Mallory Turlington, Braden Boily a sophomore instrumental music major from Enid, Christopher Hall senior music education major from Enid, Andrea Cárdenas a junior music education major from Harrah, Dustin

Morningstar a freshman music education major from Moore, Amanda King and Charissa Zoschke, a freshman vocal music major from Thomas.

Professors Charles Klingman, Joyce Adams Curtis and Daniel Farris direct the show; Adams and Klingman also provide the accompaniment.

Admission is free.

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Nov. 14-15

7 p.m.

Berrong Music

Hall 101

## Conversation Starters

1 Can you spare some change? A recent report in the *City Journal* noted that some blogs are now offering tips for panhandlers to increase their income. Currently, panhandlers make an estimated ten dollars per hour.

Source: [news-of-the-weird.com](#)

2 The makers of Twinkies, a classic snack cake, are jumping on the low-calorie bandwagon. "Twinkie Bites" are the latest in a long line of Hostess products to contain 100 calories.

Source: [msnbc.com](#)

3 A California Ben & Jerry's is doing its part to help relieve election day stress and celebrate a historic election. Voters can visit Seaport Village's Ben & Jerry's to sample their "Election Confection 2008" for free on election day.

Source: [foxnews.com](#)



# NEWS

## Jazz ensembles to perform Nov. 9

Two Southwestern jazz ensembles will perform in concert on Sunday, November 9, at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the Weatherford campus.

The concert, featuring Jazz Ensemble “A” directed by Dr. Keith Talley and Jazz Ensemble “B” directed by Dr. Terry Segress, is free and open to the public. The performance will feature jazz standards as well as recent compositions.

Personnel for Jazz Ensemble “A” include: Saxophones: Adriel Reynolds, Lawton; Josh Dodson, Perryton, TX; Thomas Burns, Altus; Aryn Hamilton, Weatherford; and Misty Schumann, Midwest City. Trumpets: Keith Medders, Grove; Ann Gammenthaler, Broken Arrow; Elisa Endres, Gainesville, TX; and Daisy Edwards, Plainview, TX. Trombones: Sean Wright, Moore; Christopher Hall, Enid; Josh Lawson, Colorado Springs, CO; and Braden Boily, Enid. Rhythm: Stephen Myers, Mustang; Tyler Paul, White Deer, TX; Mark Smithey, Alva; and Daniel Moran, Altus.

Personnel for Jazz Ensemble “B” include: Saxophones: Barrett Hamm, Okmulgee; Garrick Friesen, Enid; Adriel Reynolds, Lawton; and Ingrid Simmons, Weatherford. Trumpets: Nicholas Lindley, Cordell; Elisa Endres, Gainesville, TX; Christopher Hall, Enid; and Joshua Atkins, Frederick. Trombones: Josh Lawson, Colorado Springs, CO; Danielle Walker, Deer Creek; and Mark Smithey, Alva. Rhythm: Sean Wright, Moore; Beaux Perry, Anadarko; Josh Caviness, Clinton; and Tyler Paul, White Deer, TX.

For more information, please contact the Music Office at 774-3708 or email [keith.talley@swosu.edu](mailto:keith.talley@swosu.edu).



Counseling services are available at the Burton House.

## Liebscher encourages students to seek help

By Chris Hebensperger  
*Staff Reporter*

“Depression and anxiety are what the majority of what people struggle with in the United States,” according to Kim Liebscher, director of student counseling services.

Liebscher is available for anyone having difficulty coping with the transition from high school to college and any other needs that may be in a student’s life. Liebscher said students are a little reluctant to come and visit a

counselor.

“They think people will think that they’re weird or they can handle it on their own or they wonder if it is confidential and private,” she said.

“The students’ conversations are very confidential, and their files are kept in my filing cabinet in my office, so no one has access to the file but me,” Liebscher said.

If a student or someone they know is struggling with depression or anxiety, he or she can go by and get some literature about

what depression and anxiety are all about.

“A lot of students find it hard to come by or call, so the students can e-mail me anytime to get an appointment,” Liebscher said, “and there are no limits to how many times you come to see me.”

The Southwestern website, has more information about the counseling sessions. Students can visit [www.swosu.edu/administration/scs](http://www.swosu.edu/administration/scs) to read about counseling. Students can also call or e-mail Liebscher at 774-3776 or [kim.liebscher@swosu.edu](mailto:kim.liebscher@swosu.edu)



## Fear factor turns out successful

By Tina Zweischer  
*Staff Reporter*

The Fear Factor competition, along with other activities, occurred Wednesday, Oct. 29, at Crowder Lake.

The Parks and Recreation Management Club held the annual Fright Night activities, which included door prizes like coupons for buffets at China King

and Pizza Hut, tanning, and even for gasoline.

They also had the ropes course open for thrill seekers to try rappelling or zip-lining.

At least 150 students participated in the events including a movie, a bon fire, free cheeseburgers, and a Fear Factor contest. The first place winner of a 40-inch flat screen TV was Evan Jarret.

The first runner up for the men was Jared Schneberger, who won a backpack full of goodies. The first runner up for the women was Laken Lester, who also won a backpack full of goodies.

The Parks and Rec Management Club said they would like to thank all of the people who participated in the event and they plan to do it again next year.

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OPINION

Halloween turns dangerous for some

When we were children, we did not recognize dangerous situations until we have children of our own and then we seen them around every corner.

When I was younger, Halloween was one of my favorite holidays—well, after Christmas, of course. It was the one night that you get to dress up, be silly and get tons of candy! There were no worries or cares just the thought of getting your candy bucket as full as you can.

Now, I have an energetic 2 year old and everywhere I look there are little dangers, especially on Halloween. We must watch for cars, hold on to daddy and my hands, and so much more. But there is one danger I would have never thought of until recently.

In South Carolina a family went out trick-or-treating



No one else was injured. The South Carolina authorities are in disbelief and have no idea why the shooting occurred.

A fun and innocent night has put a family in despair. I can not imagine what this family has gone through

and to their horror was fired at when approaching a house. The man who lived there fired a gun from inside the home and killed one of the boys. The father and the other boy were wounded by the gunfire and were taken to the hospital.

but the shock of something this horrible makes me step back and reconsider the whole trick-or-treating activity. I am sure it has had the same effect on other families with young children. Can we no longer feel safe when walking down our own streets? Must we always be on alert?

Fortunately, there safe fun optional activities offered on Halloween. Here in Weatherford some of the churches had a “trunk-or-treat” where people could park there cars and the kids can walk around and get candy out of the trunk of their cars. It is still trick-or-treating just out of a car! In Clinton, the First Baptist Church held a Halloween carnival in the Frisco Center. There were activities and food for all ages.

So when planning next year’s fall festivities, maybe keep in mind other options for your little ones that are just as fun for everyone.

THE WEEKLY REVIEW

Get Smart channels classic comedy, delivers lots of laughs

By Larissa Copeland  
Managing Editor

Get Smart is the latest addition to a growing list of films this year I absolutely loved. Get Smart is an adaptation of a television series in the 1960’s that went by the same name. I’m already a big fan of Steve Carell. I’ve followed The Office for about a year now, but even before that I knew Carell as the 40-year-old virgin, Little Miss Sunshine’s suicidal uncle, and a hilarious news anchor from the Jim Carrey flick Bruce Almighty. I saw Get Smart in theaters and couldn’t wait to pick it up on DVD when it came out Tuesday. The premise is simple: Maxwell Smart (Carell), a clueless analysis for a secret agency, is promoted to secret

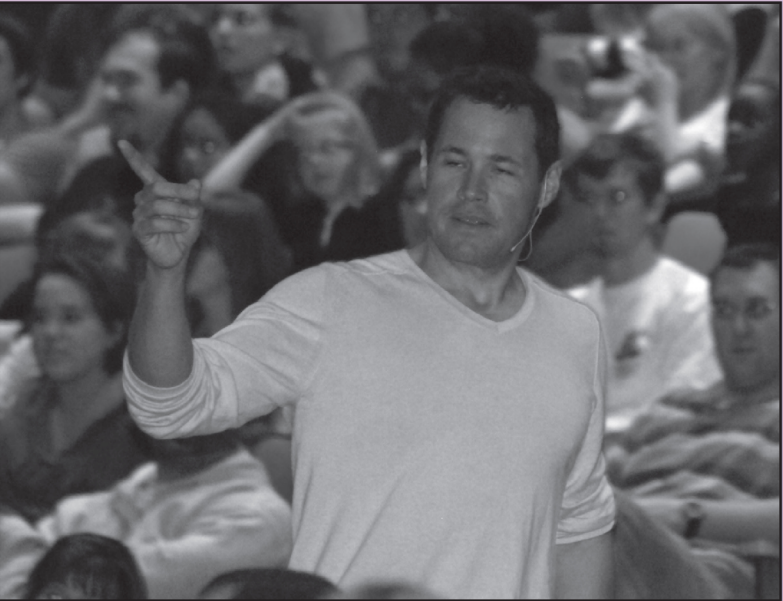
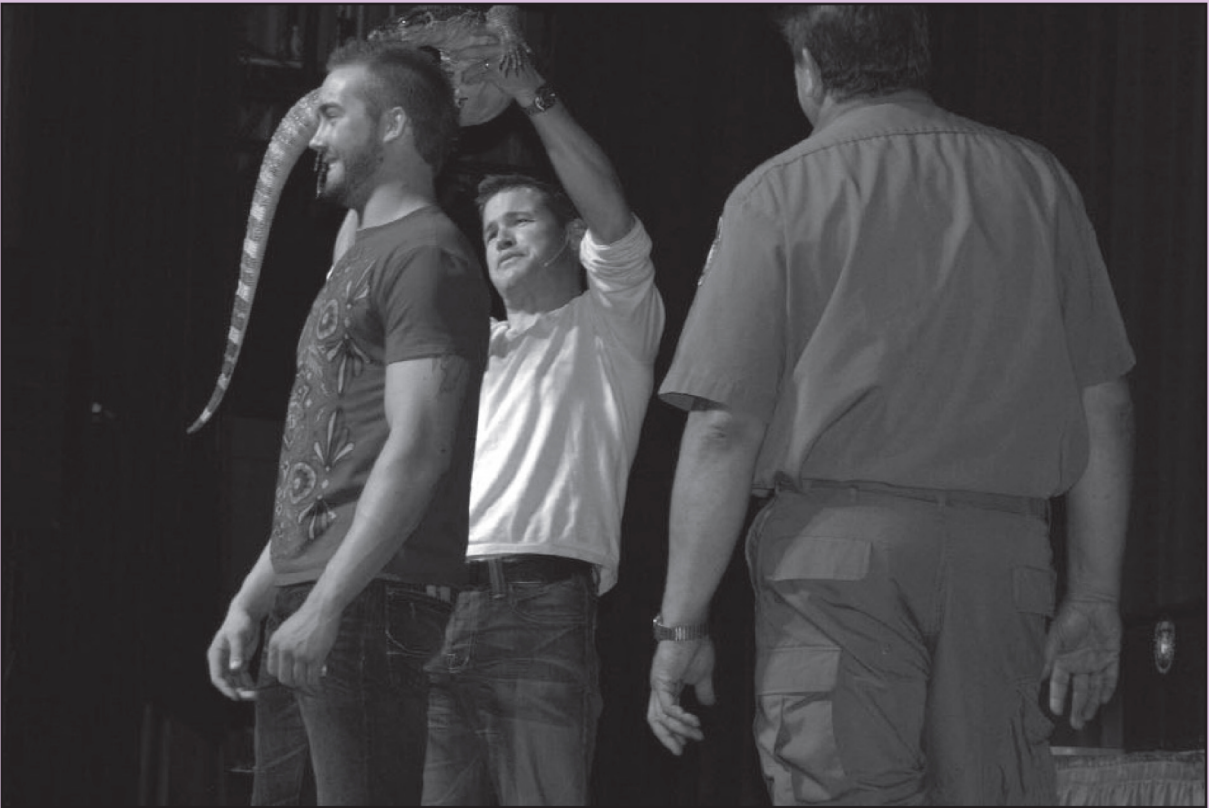
agent after the agency’s headquarters are attacked by a mysterious group. Smart becomes Agent 86 and is assigned as a partner for Agent 99 (played by Anne Hathaway), who is a much more competent secret agent than Smart could ever hope to be. The little gags in this movie made for a lot of laughs, especially since Carell seemed to be drawing upon his well-known “Michael Scott” persona. There were times during the film that I felt like I was watching Michael Scott as a secret agent rather than a completely different character. The chemistry between Smart and Agent 99 was cute, if not a little cliché, but in a movie like this that is easily overlooked. As for plot, I enjoyed the classic super-agent “twist” at the end. Most surprise endings are easy

to figure out within the first half hour, but this one wasn’t. Overall, this is a charming movie and a successful adaptation of a classic television show and I definitely recommend it.



TALES FROM THE FIELD WITH JEFF CORWIN

Pictures from the Panorama series on Monday



Photos by Lauren Kehl and Bigyan Koirala



# FEATURES

## Three simple recipes for football fanatics

By Whitney Burkett  
Staff Reporter

Having people over to watch the big game and need something to feed them but short on money? No worries. There are plenty simple treats that are easy and cheap to make, and here are a few ideas that might help you out for your next gathering:

- Sausage Cheese Balls: Need – 1 pd. sausage (mild or hot) 8 oz. Shredded cheese (any kind) 2 cups Bisquick Preheat oven to 350 degrees Mix all ingredients in a large bowl. Using your hands works the best. (Add a little bit of water if mixture is too dry.) Roll into 1-inch balls

and place onto a cookie sheet. Cook at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. They should be browned on top when finished.

- Pigs in a blanket: Need 2 pkg. Pillsbury crescent rolls 1-pkg. Sausage mini franks Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Roll out crescent rolls flat. Cut each roll into two. Roll mini frank in the dough. Place on cookie sheet when finished. Cook at 350 degrees for 13-15 minutes. Will be golden brown when finished.
- Tortilla Pinwheels: Filling - 1 pkg. (8 oz.) Cream cheese, softened 1 can (4 oz.) diced green chilies, well drained

1 c. shredded Cheddar cheese  
1/2 c. chopped green onion  
1 pkg. Ranch Dip Mix (Dry)  
5 (10 inch) flour tortillas  
Mix all ingredients together. Divide the filling and spread evenly over the tortillas. Roll up tortillas. Cover tightly with plastic wrap, twisting ends. Refrigerate for 2 hours. Unwrap; cut in slices. Discard Ends. Lay pinwheels flat on glass serving plate.

These are just a few ideas for your football party cooking. Be creative with regular food because presentation can help make your snacks look like they took you all day, when it only took an hour or two. Enjoy and munch as you watch the games.



Tortilla pinwheels make a great gametime snack.

## Cooler weather brings autumn colors to wear

By Jessica Limestall  
Staff Reporter

With crisp autumn air quickly approaching, leaves are not the only things changing. Time to pack up the shorts and get ready for fall fashion.

Fashion this fall is going for a classy approach, so start digging out those pea coats, boots, scarves, gloves and hats.

“Layers and coats are my favorite things about fall fashion,” said Brooke Watson, a communication major.

There may be no better place to layer clothing than in Oklahoma since the weather changes more than a chameleon changes its colors.

The colors to wear this autumn are deep purple, grey, rust and other rich, warm autumn colors. These colors are so eye catching that by winter you will have someone to keep you warm. For girls, it is a more classy approach, but for guys, it is more of maturity statement.

Tights may be a trend going out of style on the coast, but they are all the rage at Southwestern.

“I have heard that tights may be going out of style, but you will see me rocking them this fall,” Watson said.

Luckily, this fall’s fashion trends have something for everyone. Elle.com’s fashion experts say that this fall’s trends will be all about making a statement, whether it’s a jewel-encrusted clutch, a handful of clunky 80’s bracelets, or a few fake pheasant feathers sewn onto a chic hat. Funky platform heels in all shapes, sizes, and colors are making a comeback, too.

Students can even incorporate pieces of their summer wardrobe into new looks for fall. For example, a summer dress is just as cute with tights and a turtleneck sweater underneath it.



Traci Zacharias models some of the fashions available at Butchers Clothing. (Photo by Alexandria McAtee)



One budget tip is to only use cash for everyday purposes. (Photo by Alexandria McAtee)

## Broke? Take these 5 simple steps to financial success

By Jessica Limestall  
Staff Reporter

The current economy is on the downfall making life for poor college kids even harder.

It is a very humbling experience to go from the warmth of your home where mom and dad are paying for everything to raiding your change jar.

Students should not fret. There is a simple five-step program that will help you get through the rough times, according to several financial management website:

- 1.) Use less gas. To avoid that freshman 15, try walking those two

extra blocks to school.

- 2.) Groceries. Plan out a weekly menu, and don’t buy anything extra. Also, try the off brands. They really are not that bad.
- 3.) Budget. Get envelopes and label them such as gas, groceries, bills and spending money.
- 4.) Open a savings account. Take five percent of every paycheck and put it into a savings account and forget about it.
- 5.) Stay home! To avoid splurging, have a night in with movies, popcorn and drinks of your choice.

## This Week in History



- November 5, 1940 - Franklin Delano Roosevelt is re-elected to a fourth term as President of the United States.

-November 5, 1968 - Richard Nixon is elected President of the United States.

- November 5, 1987 - George Foreman becomes boxing’s oldest heavyweight champion at 45. Foreman secured the title after defeating 26-year-old Michael Moorer.

- November 8, 1895 - German physicist Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen discovers X-rays.

- November 10, 1969 - “Sesame Street”, a television show intended to help underprivileged children, debuts. With the help of the Muppets, a family of monsters created by puppeteer Jim Henson, “Sesame Street” would become a pioneer in teaching children the alphabet and counting along with family values.

- November 11, 1918 - Germany signs an armistice agreement with the Allied Nations in a railroad car in France, thus ending World War I.

- November 12, 1799 - American astronomer Andrew Ellicott Douglas witnesses the Leonids meteor shower and writes of it in his journal. This is the first known record of a meteor shower in North America.

## BULLDOG BITES

Readers may submit recipes to be published to  
thesouthwestern@swosu.edu.

*Snickers Pie*

*from razzledazzlerecipes.com*

- \* 8 Snickers bars, divided
- \* 4 oz semisweet chocolate
- \* 1 egg, separated
- \* 1 Tbsp sugar
- \* 2 C whipping cream

Chop 7 of the candy bars and press into bottom of 9” nonstick pie pan for the crust. Chop and reserve remaining bar. Melt semisweet chocolate, then beat in egg yolk. In medium bowl, whip egg whites and gradually add sugar until stiff. Fold in chocolate mixture.

Whip cream until soft. Fold 2/3 of the whipped cream into chocolate mixture. Place chocolate mixture on top of pie crust. Garnish with remaining whipped cream and candy. Refrigerate until ready to serve.



# FEATURES/SPORTS

## BORN BRED AND BLEED BULLDOG BLUE

### Homecoming 2008



President John Hays gives the thumbs up during the Southwestern Homecoming parade. (Photo by Bigyan Koirala)



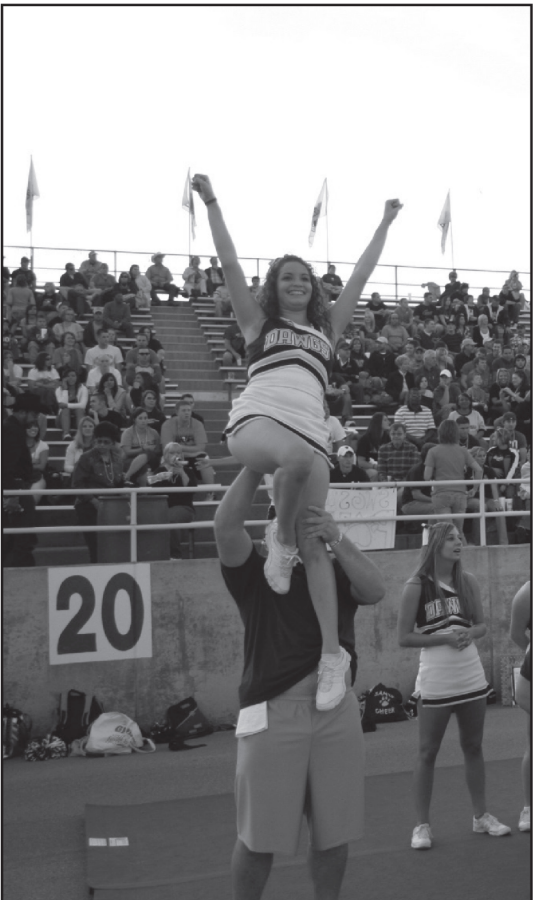
A Campus Police vehicle pulls Brandy the Bulldog during the parade. (Photo by Lauren Kehl)



Fans went all out for the Bulldogs. (Photo by Bigyan Koirala)



SWOSU 2008 Homecoming King and Queen are Stetson Schmitt and Abigail Ntrel. (Photo by Lauren Kehl)



Southwestern cheerleaders perform stunts during the game. (Photo by Lauren Kehl)



The Psychology Club placed first in the float competition during the parade. (Photo by Lauren Kehl)



Sigma Sigma Chi proudly displayed their float during the parade. (Photo by Lauren Kehl)



The Southwestern Marching Band marched down the street in the parade. (Photo by Bigyan Koirala)



Kappa Gamma Beta/Kappa Delta Omega got into the spirit during the parade. (Photo by Lauren Kehl)



# SPORTS



Ovie Esalomi protects the ball against Oklahoma Panhandle States Steven McAlpine during Saturday’s Homecoming game. Southwestern won with an impressive score of 42-7. (Photo by Bigyan Koirala)

## Bulldogs cruise to easy win over Panhandle

Southwestern celebrated its Homecoming in grand fashion with a 42-7 walkover against an outmanned Oklahoma Panhandle State University football team Saturday night in Weatherford.

The game was a satisfying ending for 19 seniors who were playing their final home game for the Bulldogs.

Southwestern had its way with the Aggies dominating their in-state rival from the outset. The Bulldogs outgained OPSU by better than a 3-1 margin and rolled up 40 points for the first time since the 2001 season. Southwestern finished with 487 yards of total offense while limiting OPSU to just 160.

Southwestern (3-7) will now conclude its 2008 season on the road Saturday, Nov. 8 against Texas A&M University-Commerce.

In the Panhandle State game, Southwestern scored on its first three possessions on its way to a 35-7 lead at the break. Reserves played much of the second half as the Bulldogs turned conservative and scored just one touchdown in the game’s final 30 minutes.

Tailback Ovie Esalomi had a 118 yards on 19 carries and scored three touchdowns. Esalomi’s touchdown runs were of 1, 15 and 38 yards. He became the first

Southwestern running back to rush for 100 or more yards in a single game since Reshard Dudley did so against OPSU in the 2005 season.

As a team, Southwestern grinded out 296 yards on the ground and averaged 7.4 yards on 40 carries. Tailback Steve Ihekona nearly rushed for 100 yards himself finishing with 92 yards on 13 carries.

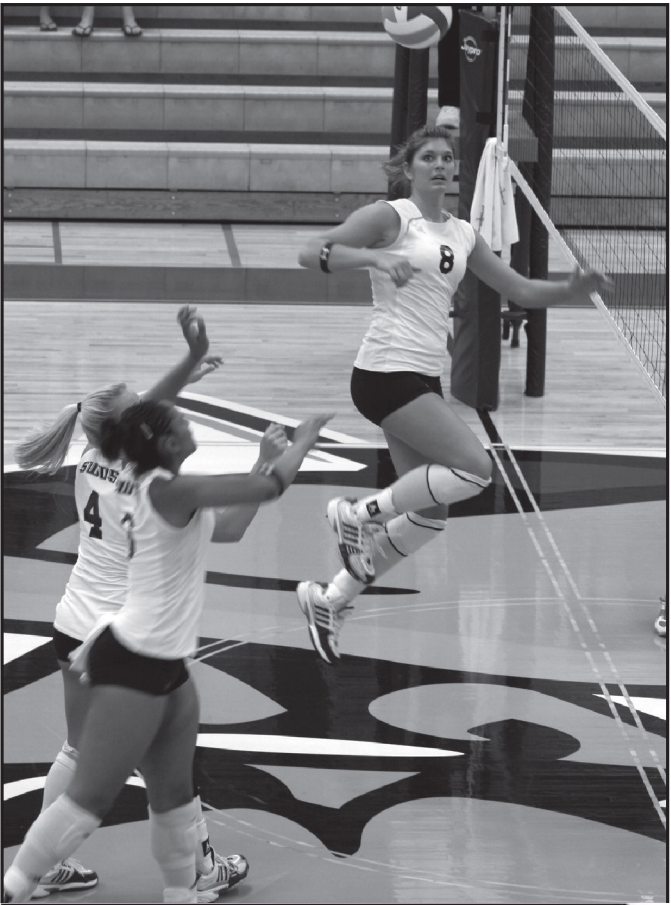
Quarterback Steve Day completed 13-of-23 passes for 192 yards and three touchdowns. Day’s TD strikes were of 25 yards to Kyle Wimberly, 14 yards to Johnathan Haggerty and three yards to Ihekona.

Defensively, Southwestern was led by linebackers Fred Leak and Ruzell McCoy. Leak had 12 tackles while McCoy had 11. McCoy, who has a team-best 94 tackles on the year, became the school’s all-time leader in tackles for lost yardage when he was credited with two stops behind the line of scrimmage against the Aggies. McCoy now has 48 in his career, two more than former record holder Russell Radford.

OPSU (3-5) was led by quarterback Vinny Gay who completed 15-of-31 passes for 118 yards but was intercepted twice, once by Jeff Lemon and another by Demarcus Render who recorded his fifth pick of the year.

### GAME SCHEDULE

- Nov. 6 @7PM- Volleyball v. Central Oklahoma
- Nov. 8 @7PM- Basketball v. Oral Roberts
- Nov. 11@8PM- Basketball v. OCU



Kacia Sandburg gets ready to spike the ball against TWU during Saturdays game. (Photo by Bigyan Koirala)

## Volleyball loses thriller in five sets

### Finishes season with home match Thursday

Southwestern came within an eyelash of pulling off a stunning comeback but let the it slip away at the end, losing 3-2 to Texas Woman’s University in an entertaining volleyball match Saturday in Weatherford.

Texas Woman’s won by scores of 25-13, 25-15, 19-25, 21-25, 17-15.

The loss left the Bulldogs with a 13-17 overall record and a 3-9 in the Lone Star Conference. TWU improved to 18-11 and 7-4 in league play. Southwestern has two more games remaining

this season first at St. Gregory’s on Tuesday before closing out Thursday, Nov. 6 at home against Central Oklahoma.

Against TWU, Southwestern had a sluggish first two games as the Pioneers won easily without much challenge. The tempo of the match changed in game three as the Bulldogs began to tighten up on the defensive end and started to take the attack to a wilting TWU.

Southwestern was near flawless in game three with a .297 hitting percentage after hitting

at .000 or lower in the first two games. Southwestern had 14 kills against three errors in 37 attacks. Game four, Southwestern took control early leading by as much as 12-2 before the teams began to exchange points back and forth. Southwestern won 25-21 with four points being the closest that TWU came.

In the fifth and final set, Southwestern again had an early advantage leading 8-4 before TWU began its charge. The Pioneers got to within 12-10 before the Bulldogs had the first of what would be two

match points at 14-13. Another match point came at 15-14, but the Pioneers again answered before winning it at 17-15.

Individually, Southwestern was led by Kacia Sandburg who had 16 kills against only eight errors in 46 attacks. Emily Walter, Breawn Waynes and Staci West each had eight kills for the Bulldogs who finished with 51 as a team and ended the game hitting .097. Defensively, Southwestern was led by Kayla Bader who came up with 20 digs for the second time this season.

## Held steps down as head coach

The football coach who a year ago brought back-to-back winning seasons at Southwestern and a share of the Lone Star Conference North Division title has resigned to pursue opportunities awaiting him in the business world. Ryan Held notified his assistant coaches and players following the Bulldogs game Saturday against Oklahoma Panhandle State University of his intentions. He will continue on as coach for Southwestern’s final game of the season Saturday, Nov. 8 at Texas A&M University-Commerce, according to Southwestern athletic director Todd Thurman.



Ryan Held

“I want to thank Southwestern for the opportunity they gave me to coach football here,” said Held. “It has been a privilege and an honor to work with the many coaches and players over the last four years. I will truly miss my association and relationship with them. I am proud of the many successes we have achieved together as a team since I’ve been here.”

The Bulldogs are 3-7 overall this season and 1-3 in the Lone Star’s North Division. 2008 has been a tough year for the Bulldogs, losing several prominent and key starters with season-ending injuries. The severity and the number of the injured forced many untested replacements into the starting rotation. Still, even with a patchwork lineup, Held and the Bulldogs stood toe-to-toe with the conference’s elite.

“I’m a competitive guy, and it was disappointing to not win more games than we did. It’s certainly not the ending I had preferred,” Held said. “I do know that this program has some great young players, it’s in the best shape possible, and ready for someone else to lead it to even bigger things.”

Held made it clear that his decision to resign was neither forced nor encouraged, but something that he had been considering for some time before deciding to close this chapter in his career.

“I want to thank the faculty, students, staff and alumni for their support and passion they showed for the Bulldog football program,” Held said. “Most importantly, I want to thank the players who believed in each other and laid it on the line every day in practice and in every game. My greatest joy was the chance to build lasting relationships with these young men and to have coached them. I hope each knows how much they mean to me.”

Thurman has appointed longtime Southwestern football assistant Todd Helton as the interim coach while a committee is formed to assist in the

search for Held’s successor.

“We intend to do an extensive and immediate search to ensure the best possible candidate leads our football program,” Thurman said.

“Ryan Held took a football program that was in need of a new direction and provided leadership and brought the Bulldogs back to respectability,” said Thurman. “He worked tirelessly for Southwestern to build a winning program. He not only did that, but he did it with an emphasis on academic achievement, personal character and personal accountability.”

Held currently has a combined record of 16-27 at Southwestern. His 2006 and 2007 teams finished with identical 6-5 record, marking the first time since 1992 that Southwestern had back-to-back winning years. The 2007 team forced a five-way tie atop the LSC North Division standings by beating Texas A&M-Commerce in front of an appreciative home crowd on the final day of the season. Prior to coming to Southwestern, Held spent three years at Panhandle State University, where he turned the Aggies into winners, going 6-5 in back-to-back years. Held’s career head coaching record is 35-51 (.407) which includes a 14-19 record at OPSU and a 5-5 year at Peru State in 2001.

Held played at the University of Nebraska under former coach Tom Osborne from 1993-96. After graduating in 1996, Held remained with the Huskers serving as an administrative assistant. He then joined the University of Tennessee staff under Coach Phil Fulmer as a graduate assistant in 1998. Held either played for or was part of four NCAA National Championship squads (1994, 1995, 1997, 1998).

### COACHING CAREER

12 years overall (includes graduate assistant work at Nebraska and Tennessee)

Eight years as head coach with an overall record of 35-51 (.407)

He became a collegiate head coach at the age of 25 at Peru State in Nebraska in 1991 and has played on or coached (4) four NCAA/BCS National Championship teams (Nebraska ‘94, ‘95, ‘97) and Tennessee (‘98).

### COACHING RECORD

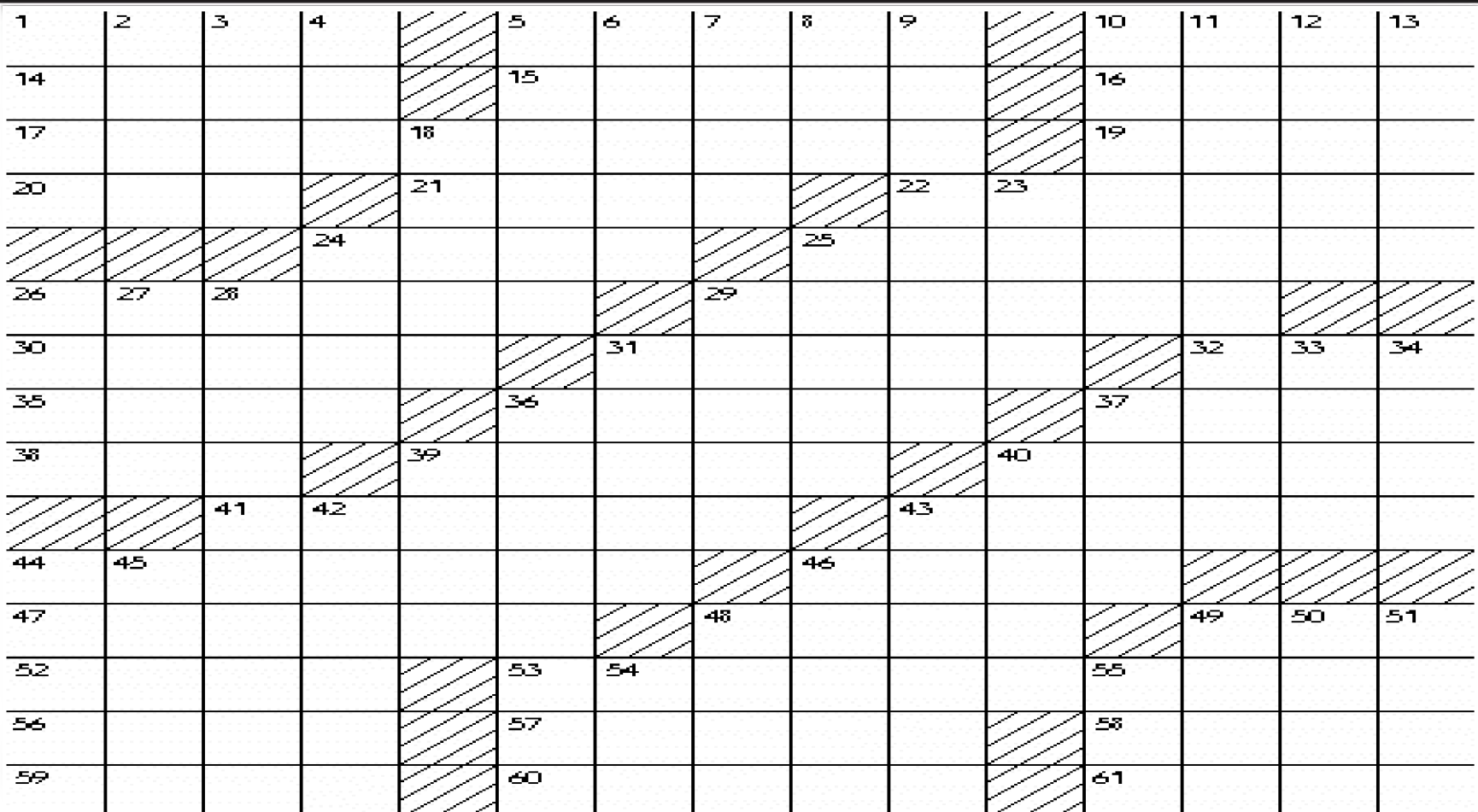
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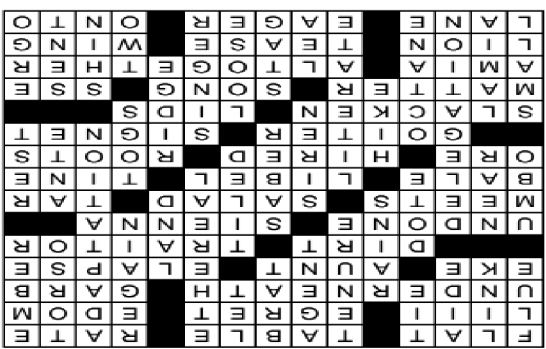
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- 1. Bland
- 5. A piece of furniture
- 10. Charge per unit
- 14. Fifty-three in Roman numerals
- 15. Everglades bird
- 16. Ancient Biblical kingdom
- 17. Not on top
- 19. Attire
- 20. Scrape by
- 21. Parental sister
- 22. Pass
- 24. Soil
- 25. Betrayer
- 26. Ruined
- 29. Reddish brown
- 30. Encounters
- 31. A dish of greens and tomato
- 32. Black gunk
- 35. Bundle
- 36. Slander
- 37. Prong
- 38. Refinable rock
- 39. Employed
- 40. Parts of a plant in the ground
- 41. Abnormally enlarged thyroid
- 43. A stamp or seal
- 44. Decrease
- 46. Tops of jars
- 47. Topic
- 48. Music with lyrics
- 49. 180° from NNW
- 52. Dogfish
- 53. With everything included
- 56. King of the jungle
- 57. Flirt
- 58. Annex
- 59. Alley
- 60. Keen



DOWN

- 1. Chimney channel
  - 2. Connection
  - 3. Assistant
  - 4. Neckwear
  - 5. Give life-time employment to
  - 6. Spy
  - 7. A very troublesome child
  - 8. Permit
  - 9. Gossamer
  - 10. Get back
  - 11. Alteration
  - 12. Trunk
  - 13. Hot coal
- 18. Sometimes it's "pennies from heaven"
  - 23. Territory
  - 24. Lavish affection (on)
  - 25. Covered with thin linoleum squares
  - 26. Eardrum
  - 27. Close
  - 28. Embassy
  - 29. Cavalry sword
  - 31. Femme fatale
  - 33. Initial wager
  - 34. Repose
  - 36. Able to read and write
- 39. Go backpacking
  - 40. Chain of hills
  - 42. A hydrocarbon found in petroleum
  - 43. Chanteuse
  - 44. Tiny
  - 45. Female demon
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  - 54. Meadow
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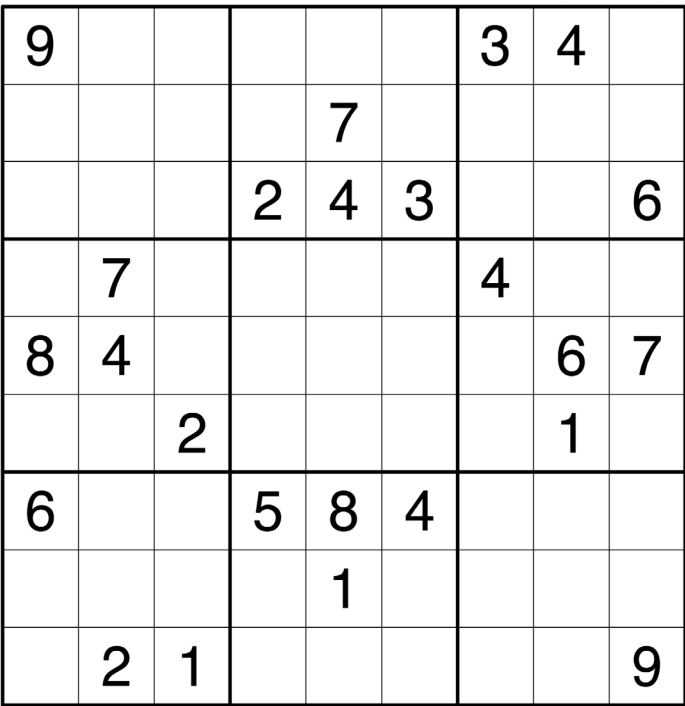


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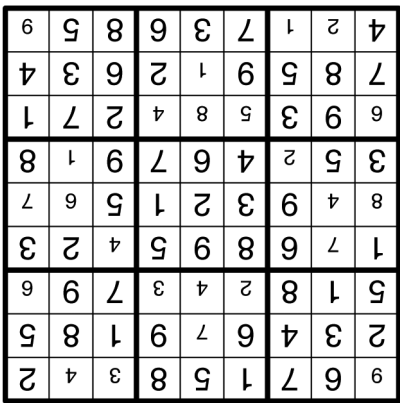
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| evil     | honor   |          | reduce  | work    |
| exposure | house   |          |         |         |

## Sudoku



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Sudoku: Number puzzle in which numbers must be fit into a 9x9 grid such that each numeral appears exactly once in each row, column and each of nine 3x3 blocks



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